Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment via http://www.regulations.gov, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: IDEXX Reference Laboratories, Westbrook, ME; PRT–57489C

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples derived from captive-bred black rhinoceros (Diceros bicornis) from African Safari, Puebla, Mexico, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: OdySea Aquarium, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT–62534C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the African penguin (Spheniscus demersus) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: East Texas Ranch, LP, Athens, TX; PRT–37142A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: East Texas Ranch, LP, Athens, TX; PRT–51951C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, to enhance the species’ propagation and survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: IDEXX Reference Laboratories, Westbrook, ME; PRT–57489C

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples derived from captive-bred black rhinoceros (Diceros bicornis) from African Safari, Puebla, Mexico, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: East Texas Ranch, LP, Athens, TX; PRT–37142A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (Rucervus duvaucelii) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, to enhance the species’ propagation and survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Trophies

The following applicants each request a permit to import sport-hunted trophies of a male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Alan Long, Talala, OK; PRT–63010C

Applicant: Michael Towbin, Kirkiland, WA; PRT–59012C

Applicant: Terry Anderson, Bozeman, MT; PRT–52689C

Applicant: Robert Gwin, Oklahoma City, OK; PRT–55023C

Applicant: Scott Roleson, Whiting, NJ; PRT–54410C

B. Marine Mammals

Applicant: USGS-Southeast Ecological Science CTR, Gainesville, FL; PRT–791721

The applicant requests authorization to renew and amend their permit to export, import, and re-export biological samples of live and dead Sirenia (all species of manatees and dugongs, including Trichechus manatus) to enhance the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: OdySea Aquarium, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT–62534C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the African penguin (Spheniscus demersus) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the Federal Register. You may locate the Federal Register notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching http://www.regulations.gov under the permit number listed in this document (e.g., PRT–12345c).

V. Authority


Joyce Russell,
Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731–TA–1353 and 1356 (Final)]

Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From South Africa and Ukraine

Determination

On the basis of the record developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from South Africa and Ukraine, provided for in subheadings 7213.91.30, 7213.91.45, 7213.91.60, 7213.99.00, 7227.20.00, and 7227.90.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce

[1] The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

United States et al. v. W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital, d/b/a Allegiance Health; Proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b)–(h), that a proposed Final Judgment, Notification of Settlement and Explanation of Consent Decree Procedures, and Competitive Impact Statement have been filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in United States and State of Michigan v. W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital, Civil Action No. 15–cv–12311 (JEL) (DRG). On June 25, 2015, the United States and the State of Michigan filed a Complaint alleging that Defendant W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital d/b/a Allegiance Health (“Allegiance”) entered into an agreement with Hillsdale Community Health Center that unlawfully allocated customers in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. 1, and 2 of the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act, MCL 445.772. The proposed Final Judgment, filed February 9, 2018, prohibits Allegiance from agreeing with other healthcare providers to prohibit or limit marketing or to divide any geographic market or territory. The proposed Final Judgment also prohibits Allegiance from communicating with competing healthcare systems regarding its marketing plans, with limited exceptions. The proposed Final Judgment also imposes an antitrust compliance officer and other training and monitoring requirements on Allegiance.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division’s website at http://www.justice.gov/atr, and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Copies of these materials may be obtained from the Antitrust Division upon request and payment of the copying fee set by Department of Justice regulations.

Public comment on the proposed Final Judgment is invited within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto, will be posted on the Antitrust Division’s website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the Federal Register. Comments should be directed to Peter J. Mucchetti, Chief, Healthcare & Consumer Products Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 4100, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202–307–0001).

Patricia A. Brink,
Director of Civil Enforcement.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN


Case No.: 2:15–cv–12311–JEL–DRG
Hon. Judith E. Levy
Mag. Judge David R. Grand

COMPLAINT

The United States of America and the State of Michigan bring this civil antitrust action to enjoin agreements by Defendants Hillsdale Community Health Center (“Hillsdale”), W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital, d/b/a Allegiance Health (“Allegiance”), Community Health Center of Branch County (“Branch”), and ProMedica Health System, Inc. (“ProMedica”) (collectively, “Defendants”) that unlawfully allocate territories for the marketing of competing healthcare services and limit competition among Defendants.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Defendants are healthcare providers in Michigan that operate the only general acute-care hospital or hospitals in their respective counties. Defendants directly compete with each other to provide healthcare services to the residents of south-central Michigan. Marketing is a key component of this competition and includes advertisements, mailings to patients, health fairs, health screenings, and outreach to physicians and employers.

2. Allegiance, Branch, and ProMedica’s Bixby and Herrick Hospitals (“Bixby and Herrick”) are Hillsdale’s closest Michigan competitors. Hillsdale orchestrated agreements to limit marketing of competing healthcare services. Allegiance explained in a 2013 oncology marketing plan: “[A]n agreement exists with the CEO of Hillsdale Community Health Center, Duke Anderson, to not conduct marketing activity in Hillsdale County.” Branch’s CEO described the Branch agreement with Hillsdale as a “gentleman’s agreement not to market services.” A ProMedica communications specialist described the ProMedica agreement with Hillsdale.